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My Dear Friend

Many thanks for yr beautiful present, a most acceptable assurance that I still live in yr memory. How it would rejoice my heart to drop again into the sunny circle where I used to see yr face & hear yr voice. I did hope to be present at the annual Meeting but I find it impossible. I am sure it will prove an uncommonly interesting one.

I hope friend Knapp's poor affair will not be raised by the other side to the dignity of a controversy, for if they do not raise it it will remain in the gutter. There is one feature of the case (to pass over the flimsy stuff which they set forth as fact and argument), which is fatal to Messrs Bishop Bates & Co. It is this, that the great occasion of their quarrel is that they could not be associated with a man

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whom they tell us they have known for years to be a liar and a monstrous hypocrite in still carrying on his impostures! This is the gravamen of their charges. I pity Knapp and think he ought to be treated with tenderness, so in fact ought every scamp of them. For I have had my mind much exercised of late on the question of non-resistance. What think you of the following

Non-resistance is immediateism applied to the forgiveness of injuries.

It would be a feast to have a private account of the Fair. Nothing public could be better than Mrs Chapman's, the priceless woman. Give my love to her and all yr dear Sisters. Oh when shall I see them again - Quando te aspiciam? also give my best respects to yr brother

H. G. Chapman, and my fervent wishes for his restoration to health; also to all the family at Chauncey Place.

Farewell

Yr Friend

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